

FISCAL NOTE

HB 608 - SB 1041

February 15, 1997

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates the "Communications and Response Act of 1997" to take effect November 3, 1998. The bill provides for expenses necessary in connection with a legislator's official duties for enhanced communications devices and expenses such as cellular phones, voice mail, facsimile machines, computers, modems, software facilitating electronic mail, answering services, electronic beepers, shipping, and other such items or expenses. Each member of the general assembly would receive a \$225 monthly expense allowance. This bill shall take effect November 3, 1998.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Expenditures - \$237,600 FY 1998-99 (8 months)
\$356,400 FY 1999-2000**

132 members x \$225 x 8 months = \$237,600

132 members x \$225 x 12 months = \$356,400

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director